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Be Sure and Get In On the Big "Prosperity Edition" of the Democrat, to be Issued Soon.

THE PROSPERITY EDITION

Something that Should Interest Every Resident of Barton County and Will be Interesting to People in Other Localities.

The Prosperity Edition of the Barton County Democrat which is to be issued at an early date, should be of interest to every resident of the county and it will show to the people of the world the material advancement of this part of the richest state in this great Union, and will serve in a great measure to disabuse the minds of the people in other localities of some of the old-fashioned ideas of Indians, buffalo, and dog-outs that are supposed to be the principal inhabitants and habitations in this part of the world. We do not mean to say that any of the people in this part of the world think anything of this kind, but have just that kind of an idea of Western Kansas, and it will be the greatest sort of a surprise to some of them to be shown photographs of the handsome, modern homes of the most prosperous farming community on the face of the earth.

This edition is to be in some respects different from anything ever attempted in the locality and will be a lasting advertisement of the beauties and resources of this county. It is not intended to make it a mirror of Great Bend, nor of any other particular section of the county, but to cover as nearly as possible the entire county, especially the farm homes, with illustrations of farm scenes, buildings and the fine stock with which this county is filled, as well as views of the business houses and homes in Great Bend and the other towns of the county.

One feature of the big paper is to be group pictures of the babies of the county and all we ask of the parents of children under six years of age is that they furnish us with a photograph of the children. We will have the engraving made and run it in the paper, without other cost to them except that they buy as many copies of the paper as they wish, after the edition is printed.

We cordially invite every resident of the county to call at this office which in the city and have the proposition more fully explained to them. It will not cost you one cent to learn all about it, so come in and let us tell you all in detail.

Come Out.

A meeting has been advertised to be held at the Court House on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, which will be addressed by speakers in the interests of the Kansas Northwestern. This is a meeting particularly for farmers, and we hope every farmer living in this community will attend. The building of another line of railway with a direct outlet for our cattle and wheat to the Gulf ports and the markets of the southwest, as well as a direct line from the coal fields of Wyoming and the lumber regions of the northwest, will be of much more value to our country. In the matter of shipments of cattle and hogs, for instance, the saving to the shipper, which means likewise to the farmer through shrinkage on the shorter haul to Wichita as against the long haul to Kansas City, will mean a good many hundred dollars to the people of this county. Everybody come out and boost for the road.

Chas. Pettit is visiting relatives in Missouri.

Miss Bee Shepard is slowly recovering from an attack of the typhoid fever.

Wanted—To rent or purchase on easy terms, a house with a few acres of land in vicinity of city. Address this office.

160 acres, 8 miles from railroad town, 120 acres in cultivation and sowed to wheat, of which potatoes will get share. 40 acres in meadow, suitable for alfalfa. All level land. Price \$35.00 per acre.

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Council Proceedings

Sept. 27, 1909.

Council met agreeable to call with Mayor Dawson in the chair. Councilmen present, Honnen, Smyth, Smith, Miller and Merritt. Absent Moses.

Councilman Smith offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, a vacancy in the office of councilman for the third ward exists, and by reason of the removal from said ward of B. E. Giles, one of the councilmen elected from said ward and whereas, as a vacancy in the office of councilman from the fourth ward exists, by reason of the removal of O. M. Frazier from said ward, he being one of the duly elected councilmen therefrom, therefore be it resolved that the Mayor be required to call a special election for Tuesday, the 12th day of October, 1909, in each of said wards where a vacancy exists for the purpose of filling the same.

Councilman Smith offered the following resolutions which was unanimously adopted:

Specifications for the construction of street crossings.

Resolved: That street crossings in the future shall be constructed as follows: 6 inches thick of which five inches shall be mixed four parts sharp pit sand or gravel to one part standard brand Portland cement, same brand approved by government test and a top coat of one inch mixed two parts screened sharp pit and to one part cement, trowelled smooth.

Councilman Honnen offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

That the city attorney prepare an ordinance adopting grades for streets and alleys as per specifications prepared by the W. K. Palmer & Co., Engineers.

M. L. Crow was granted permission to erect building on Lot 10, Block 104, proving same conforms to the fire ordinance.

Petition of W. R. Armstrong and others asking for sidewalks on Holland and 8th streets was referred back to petitioners for amendments.

An ordinance was presented providing for the construction of certain sidewalk, curbs and gutters along the south side of block 78 and the south 1-2 of the west side of block 78 and along the east 1-2 of the north side of block 90.

It was read as a whole and passed by sections and adopted as a whole as ordinance No. 242. All councilmen present voting aye.

Petition of L. P. Aber and 9 others asking for a sidewalk on the west side of Block 17 was received and on motion said petition was granted and an ordinance was ordered drawn covering same.

The following judges and clerks were approved for the special election for October 12, 1909:

Third Ward—Judges, Mrs. May Cone, Jacob Rediger, Jos. Walter. Clerks, Grant Jones, Miss Jennie McMullen.

Fourth Ward—Judges D. D. Page, Mrs. E. P. Smith, Mrs. Fred Vollmer, Clerks, Myrta Omer, Chas. Carroll.

Council adjourned to meet on Thursday evening, Sept. 30, at 8 p. m.

F. A. MOSES, City Clerk.

Ed Kuhl, Sr. of Albert was in the city Monday on his way home from Ellinwood.

One half section in Rush Co. 2 miles from Nekoma. This is a fine farm and would make a splendid home. Price for a short time, \$7,000.00.

Werhahn & Whitcombe.

Mike Haas and family went to Dodge City Saturday for a visit with Jake Haas and family. Mr. Haas returned home Monday, while the family remained for a longer visit.

Miss Rose Nicolet of Boston, left Monday evening for Cimarron, after a pleasant visit with her brother, Adolph Nicolet and family, of South Bend. From Cimarron she will go to San Francisco and the Philippines, where she will be a missionary and trained nurse.

THE ELKS MINSTRELS

The Minstrel Show for the Benefit of the Elks Was an Unqualified Success.

One of the best attended and most enjoyable home talent productions that has ever been staged in Great Bend was the Elks' Minstrels at the Willner Opera House on Tuesday evening of this week. The crowd in attendance was exceptionally large, even for this city, which is known as one of the best show towns in the state, and the show was enjoyed by everyone present, except possibly by some of the local Elks who came in for their share of roasting from the performers.

The musical numbers on the program were all exceptionally good and called forth considerable applause. The entertainment was arranged and staged by Joe Brenn, of Kansas City, who is one of the best men in the country in this line of business. The entertainment was preceded Tuesday afternoon by a parade headed by the band, and presented a very nice appearance on the streets.

Wednesday afternoon the entire company went to Hoisington on a special train, and were met at the depot there by a large delegation of local Elks, headed by the championship prize-winning band. They made a parade of the principal streets of that city and gave their entertainment at the opera house that evening. They were greeted by a large audience there, and report a most enjoyable time. The first annual Elks minstrel show has gone into history as a very successful event.

Marriage Licenses

Thomas Bennett, Great Bend, 1 Lizzie Rowe, Great Bend, 20. Walter Buchanan, Gt. Bend, 2 Elizabeth Cochran, Pawnee Okla., age 20.

Edward N. Porter, Gafton, W. Va., 29. Carrie Dolecek, Claflin, 28. Alois Schemmer, Odin, Ks. 21. Lena Frenzl, Odin, Ks. 18. Roy Clemmence Wilson, Hutchinson, 22. Lucretia Eliza Chambers, Chicago, Ills., 20.

Teddy Bain, the Albert merchant, was in the county seat on business Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hammond left Wednesday evening for a visit with friends and relatives in Ohio, formerly their old home.

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Joe Sprinker and Chas. Bacon were up from Ellinwood yesterday on business and called at this office. Joe says that Billy Klein is improving very slowly from his injuries in the recent automobile accident.

Oscar Johnson of the Great Bend Foundry and Machine Shop, has been appointed traveling representative of the Port Huron Threshing Machine Co., and will travel in Kansas, west of Wichita. Mr. Johnson is well known in this part of the state as an expert machine man, and will give the company first class service in his territory.

Miss Lillie Pearle Danielson who appeared on the program as reader, made quite a hit with the audience and the manner in which her selections were recited showed careful preparation and good taste. The first number was a lengthy and difficult one and held the attention of the audience for some time. Miss Danielson appeared on the program three times and her appearances were hailed with delight by those present. Her selection, 'A Streak of Bad Luck' was especially well received and her impersonation could not have been better.

Creston (Iowa) Daily Gazette.—At the Congregational Church under auspices of the Eastern Star, October 4, 1909. Admission 20 and 35c.

BUSINESS MEN'S TRADE TRIP

The Business Men's Association Has Arranged for a Trade Extension Trip over the Scott City Branch of the Santa Fe.

The Great Bend Business Men's Association has arranged for a special train to take them over the Scott City branch of the Santa Fe, on next Thursday, October 7, leaving Great Bend at 8:00 a. m., and making stops of from 10 minutes at each station along the line. The special train will stop at Ness City for dinner and get supper at Scott City. The work of the trip will be all done on the trip up the line and the return will be made straight through, arriving at Great Bend about 11:00 p. m. There will be a large number of the business men of this city on the train and the trip is made for the purpose of becoming better acquainted with our neighbors up the branch, and securing as much of the business of the various towns as may be brought to this city.

Railroad Meeting.

A meeting in the interests of the Kansas Northwestern Railway Co. was held at Olmitz on Thursday evening of last week but as it was not generally known that a meeting was to be held few were out. Those who did attend, spoke in favor of the railroad proposition. A committee was appointed to secure subscriptions for the bonds.

Horses as Faithful Animals.

Of all the brute friends of man the horse is certainly by far the most useful and the most valuable to him. In these latter days he earns the living for his master's family and himself; usually works six days a week, and hauls the family around on the seventh, accepts the poorest shelter or none at all, takes what food his master allows him uncompainingly, is always ready to do his best at any task to which he is assigned and through thick and thin, bad luck or good weal or woe, is the reliable, faithful, efficient and optimistic friend of his master, his family and his interests.

In peace the horse toils for man in many ways; in war he suffers and dies for him. In disaster he carries his master out of danger, in victory he bears him proudly in the triumphal march. He shares his sorrows and his poverty in full and gets but little share in his prosperity. Though he would enjoy rest and recuperation in the green fields, he contentedly toils and struggles at his task on the bare roads between them. Blows he receives patiently from the hands of his taskmaster, nor resents them except when long continued, and sometimes not even then. Worn and weary he drags out his life day in and day out, whether he is mortally ill or weakened for loss of rest, sleep or lack of food. He coins his lifeblood for his master, every heartbeat is for his master's welfare, and he is truer to man than man is to himself. In war, in peace, in sorrow in joy, in wealth, in poverty, the horse, the nobility of the animal race, is the closest, most valuable, most noble, most intelligent, friend of man. His name is benevolence.

It is a stinging disgrace to human nature that there must be humane societies to teach some men, to compel others and to remind almost all that they must be kind to this noble friend. It is a shame that in bad weather the horse is neglected, unfed, unsheltered from the storm, left to thirst intensely, ridden to exhaustion and treated as inanimate yet such is the case. He is buggy ridden, sleigh ridden, worked to death.

Let those who deal with the horse be careful of the comfort of the faithful friend of man. Let those of humane instinct aid the humane society in its effort to prevent abuse of an agent through whose effort is due almost as much of the wealth, comfort, convenience, civilization and progress of man as to any other agent of which he avails himself.—Beverly (Mass.) Times.

Business Change at Galatia

Mr. Conrad Baker and Mr. Chas. Millberger were in the city from Galatia Monday and closed a deal with J. Geo. Brinkman for the W. M. Brown store property at Galatia. Mr. Millberger will immediately erect a new building and carry a complete line of dry goods, groceries, and general merchandise. Mr. Millberger is a successful business man and has been postmaster at Milberger, Kansas, and will give the people of Galatia and vicinity a first class place to trade. The store at his former home of Milberger will miss him greatly. We wish him success in his new home, and believe that the people will give him liberal patronage.

Mrs. A. Dell has returned home from a three weeks' visit at Weatherford, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pasco returned Monday from a visit with relatives in Lyons.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Honnen entertained Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Reed of Larned Sunday.

Al Johnson, who has been in Kansas City the past two weeks on business returned home Monday.

Mrs. F. J. Lewis of Kansas City, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. C. Carr, and Mrs. J. A. Beckman.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Reynolds enjoyed a visit from his nephew, Mr. Viekars and wife of Nebraska.

Miss Cora Shaffer, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Alton Dale at Hudson, returned on Monday.

Mrs. Hattie Westfall, of Holyrood, was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Clara Dick the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Coxedge of Hoisington, spent Sunday in this city, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Luse.

J. F. Tilton is slowly improving in health but it will be some time before he has regained his usual strength.

Mrs. Emmet Putnam is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. M. Beardsley, at Nickerson, who is quite sick with typhoid fever.

John Lindas was down from Larned the first of the week visiting his son, H. E. Lindas, president of the Telephone Co.

Mrs. Grace Lee, of Salina, returned home Tuesday after a several days visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Moses.

Mrs. Mary C. Bennett, of Ness City visited friends Tuesday. Mrs. Bennett is president of the bank of Kansas and is an active business woman.

Sam Bott was a Galatia visitor here Monday. He accompanied his brother, Winfield Bott and family, who left that evening for California.

Dr. Lindas has sold his property to Daniel Englehardt of Ellinwood. Doctor has bought a lot on Broadway and will soon erect a cozy home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kramer returned Monday from Wichita, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dando and family and also attended the fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Wenger of Chambersburg, Penn., stopped off on their way home from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wagaman in Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Petty of Perry, Ind., who have been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jackson, went to Colorado Monday and will spend several weeks there.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Morrison of Hoisington spent Sunday in this city the guests of Mr. Morrison's parents, and his brother, Dr. E. E. Morrison and family.

BARTON HEADS THE LIST

Report of Secretary of Kansas Grain Dealers Association Places this County at Head of List for Wheat Yield.

The report of the secretary of the Kansas Grain Dealers association was issued on the 28th of the present month and places Barton county at the head of the list of counties in the state with her wheat yield. The report says that the farmer of this county sowed 261,008 acres and harvested 3,654,112 bushels, or an average yield per acre of 14 bushels. Reno county is second in point of wheat harvested, but their average was seventeen bushels to the acre. In point of acreage sown Pawnee exceeds Reno, but their average was fourteen bushels to the acre.

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Mrs. Anton Gruber left Sunday for a visit with friends at Wichita. They will also visit in Oklahoma before returning to her home.

Hon. J. S. Simmons of Hutchinson, was in the city Monday on his way up the branch to look after some legal business and to inspect his farms in Lane county.

Mrs. Ed Morris of Lincoln township, Stafford county, returned Sunday evening from Hutchinson, where she had been visiting her brother, Roy Williamson and family.

Mrs. Charles Lischsky came in the latter part of last week from her home in Chicago, and will visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Weiss, and other relatives and friends for some time.

Leland Ingersoll, has returned after an absence of more than a year and is in his old position at the Crescent grocery. Mr. Ingersoll has been in Kansas City most of the time since he left here.

Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Alford, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stauffer, Miss Merta Omer, Mrs. Louis Omer, Mrs. Fred Truex and Mrs. Daniel Keller are in Hutchinson this week attending the State Convention of the Christian church.

Plans and specifications have been drawn for a new two-story brick building to be erected by M. L. Crow on the lot just north of the new Elks building. The building will be occupied as a paint and wall paper store by Mr. Crow and will have office rooms on the second floor.

Sheriff Dailey returned last week from Parsons with Jim Underwood who is charged with raising a check at Ellinwood from \$350 to \$31.50. Underwood had been collecting for some Topeka paper and was given a check for \$350 in settlement of an account. When the check was presented for payment the figures called for \$31.50 while the amount written out was for \$350 and the one who paid the check overlooked the written part and paid the check according to the figures. Underwood was formerly a resident of this county, and is said to have enjoyed a good reputation while he lived here.

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Prof. D. F. Shirk and Porter Young were in Larned Wednesday on business returning home that evening.

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